Change in examination pattern

†4135. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from National Council of Educational Research and Training regarding changes in examination pattern at secondary level;

(b) if so, outline of the said proposal and comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would implement such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) National Focus Group on Examination Reform constituted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had recommended several examination-related reforms including shift in the typology of questions, flexibility of time in answering the questions, introduction of the grading system in place of marks, promoting school based continuous and comprehensive evaluation at all stages of the school education, flexibility in choosing the subjects, abolishing all public examination before class X, making class X Board examination optional for those who want to continue study in the next class in the same school and making examination less stressful and student friendly etc.

(c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already implemented several reform measures related to examination such as giving extra time to read the question paper, 20% weightage to internal assessment in various subjects, continuous and comprehensive evaluation etc.

Schemes for computer education in Goa

4136. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for computer education in schools are in force in Goa;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the essential features of the schemes;

(c) the projects undertaken/implemented under the schemes during the last three years in Goa;

(d) the financial assistance granted to the State in the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) A scheme called "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools" is being implemented by the Government of India since December, 2004 by merging the erstwhile schemes namely revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) and Educational Technology (ET) with the objective of establishing an enabling environment to promote the usage of ICT in secondary and higher secondary schools in the country. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to State/UT Governments for imparting computer literacy in Government and Government-aided secondary and higher secondary schools. Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs on the basis of Computer Education Plans received from them in the ratio of 90:10 for special category States and 75:25 for general category States/UTs. In addition Computer Aided Learning (CAL) is implemented as a component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) with a view to improve quality of education in elementary schools. Goa is participating in both these schemes.

(c) to (e) Details of funds released under the Scheme of ICT in schools and allocated for CAL component of SSA during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Scheme	Year		
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1.	ICT in School	Nil	292.50	Nil
2.	SSA	Nil	60.00	57.04